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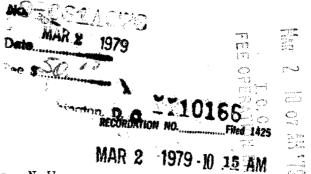
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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Attention: Mrs. Lee, Room 1227

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith for filing, please find original and two copies of an Agreement between General Mills, Inc., as Lessee, and Pickens Railroad Company, as Lessor. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the filing fee.

The parties to this Agreement are:

Lessee: General Mills, Inc.

Manager, Railroad Equipment & Services

P. O. Box 1113

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

Lessor: Pickens Railroad Company

P. O. Box 216

Pickens, S. C. 29671

The equipment covered by the Agreement is Twenty (20) 50-ton, 40' 6" boxcars bearing Road Numbers GMIX 10001 through GMIX 10020 (both inclusive).

Please return the original and one copy to William W. Kehl, Esq., P. O. Box 10207, Greenville, S. C. 29603, with the recording data stamped thereon.

Very truly yours,

William W. Kehl

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Enclosures

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AGREEMENT made this 14 day of \( \sqrt{vern}

# RECITALS

Lessee desires to lease from Lessor certain railroad cars hereinafter specifically designated, all upon the rentals and terms and conditions set forth in this Lease.

## AGREEMENT

It is Agreed:

- Lessee and Lessee agrees to and does hereby lease from Lessor that number of railroad cars, of the type, construction and such other description (hereinafter referred to as the "Cars") as is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. The Cars covered by this Lease are those which shall be delivered to and accepted by Lessee pursuant to Paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof. The Lease shall become effective as to any Car immediately upon its acceptance pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof. The Cars leased hereby are subject to the terms of that certain Lease Agreement between United States Railway Equipment Company and Pickens Railroad Company dated November 1, 1973, filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission on February 7, 1974, under recordation number 7395 and attached as Exhibit "B" hereto.
- 2. <u>Delivery of Cars</u>. Lessor shall deliver the Cars as promptly as is reasonably possible from time to time. Lessor's

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obligations with respect to delivery of all or any of the Cars are hereby made expressly subject to, and Lessor shall not be responsible for failure to deliver or delays in delivering Cars due to labor difficulties, fire, delays and defaults of carriers, acts of God, governmental acts, regulations and restrictions or any other causes, casualties or contingencies beyond Lessor's control.

- 3. <u>Condition of Cars Acceptance</u>. All Cars delivered hereunder shall be in satisfactory condition for movement in the normal interchange of rail traffic and shall otherwise comply with the description and/or specifications contained in Exhibit "A". Within five (5) days after Lessor shall give Lessee notice that some or all Cars are ready for delivery, Lessee may have its authorized representative inspect such Cars at (the point of delivery) and accept or reject them as to condition. Cars so inspected and accepted and any Cars which Lessee does not elect to inspect shall upon delivery thereof to Lessee as above provided be conclusively deemed to be accepted and subject to this Lease and to meet all requirements of this Lease.
- 4. <u>Use and Possession</u>. Throughout the continuance of this Lease, so long as Lessee is not in default hereunder, Lessee shall be entitled to possession of each Car from the date the Lease becomes effective as to each Car and shall place such Car into assigned service from one or more of the plants of Lessee as designated by Lessee for the transportation of non-corrosive bulk commodities upon the lines of any railroad or other person, firm or corporation in the usual interchange of traffic; provided, however,

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that Lessee agrees that the Cars shall at all times be used (i) in conformity with the rules ("Operating Rules") governing use, condition, repair and other matters pertaining to the interchange of freight traffic, adopted and in effect from time to time by the Association of American Railroads ("AAR") and any other organization, association, agency or governmental authority, including the United States Department of Transportation, which may from time to time be responsible for or have authority to adopt Operating Rules; (ii) in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Sublease; (iii) in a careful and prudent manner, solely for the purpose, in the service and in the manner for which they were designed.

original term of four (4) years, which shall commence on the date of delivery by Lessor of the first Car, as provided in Paragraph 2 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, this Lease shall not become effective until (a) this Sublease has been approved by United States Railway Equipment Company, and its assignees and, (b) consent in writing is obtained from any railroad required to accept said Cars. Lessee shall have the option to extend this Sublease for a period of one (1) year beyond the original term by so notifying the Lessor in writing not less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the original term. Lessee shall have the option to extend this Sublease for a period of one (1) year beyond the expiration of the first renewal period by so notifying the Lessor in writing not less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the first renewal period, however, that if the expiration date of

the second renewal period under this option shall extend beyond the expiration date of the original lease with. United States Railroad Company, then Lessee shall only have the option at the end of the first renewal period to extend this Sublease for a term which shall not extend beyond the term of the aforementioned original lease.

- 6. Rental Per Car. During the original term and any renewals, Lessee shall pay to Lessor for each Car commencing on the date of delivery thereof a rental of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) per Car per month at such place as shall be designated by Lessor.
  - 7. Title. Lessee shall not by reason of this Lease or any action taken hereunder acquire or have any right or title in the Cars except the rights herein expressly granted to it as Lessee.
  - 8. Repairs and Maintenance. Lessee shall make or cause to be made at its sole cost and expense all repairs and maintenance of the Cars during the term of this sublease with the exception of wheels, axels, bolster, center sill, and side sills, which is the sole obligation of Lessor.
  - 9. Substitution of Cars. Lessor may, at any time and from time to time, replace any Withdrawn Cars or Casualty Cars (as defined in Paragraph 13 hereof) with Cars ("Replacement Cars") of substantially similar specifications and such Replacement Cars shall be deemed to be subject to all terms and conditions of this Lease as if the same had been originally delivered to Lessee at the time and in the place of Cars for which they are substituted. The parties

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shall execute amendments to this Lease and such other or further documents as may be required by either party hereto to evidence the withdrawal from and termination of this Lease with respect to Withdrawn or Casualty Cars, or to include any Replacement Cars within the terms and provisions of this Lease.

- fering irreparable casualty shall abate until such Car or a Replacement Car is delivered to Lessee, to a railroad for the account of Lessee, or is otherwise ready for or is returned to service by Lessee; provided, however, that rental shall not abate on any Car out of service by reason of any repair work. In the event rental is abated, then if Lessor so elects and notwithstanding anything contained in Paragraph 5 to the contrary, the original term of this Lease, as determined in Paragraph 5, shall be extended for a period of time (but not less than one (1) day) determined by dividing the number of Car days with respect to which rental was so abated by the number of Cars subject to this Lease on what would otherwise have been the last day of the original term hereof.
  - I1. <u>Taxes</u>. Lessor shall hold harmless Lessee from all Federal or State property taxes assessed or levied against the Cars and (i) all Federal, State or local sales or use taxes imposed upon the Cars; (ii) all taxes, duties or imposts assessed or levied on the Cars or this Lease by a foreign country.
  - 12. <u>Liens</u>. Lessee shall keep the Cars free from any and all encumbrances or liens, in favor of anyone claiming by, through or under Lessee which may be a cloud upon or otherwise affect title to such Cars, including, but not limited to liens or encumbrances



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which arise out of any suit involving Lessee, or any act, omission or failure of Lessee's failure to comply with the provisions of this Lease, and Lessee shall promptly discharge any such lien, encumbrance or legal process.

- Loss, Theft, or Destruction of Cars. In the event ·13. any Car ("Casualty Car") is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economic repair, Lessee shall, by notice, promptly and fully advise Lessor of such occurrence. Lessee shall cooperate with Lessor and take any and all action required to assist and enable Lessor to receive payment for a Casualty Car directly from any handling line or other party bound to make payment under the Operating This Lease shall terminate with respect to a Casualty Car on the date Lessor shall receive notice of a casualty occurrence with respect thereto, and thereafter, Lessee shall have no further liability to Lessor hereunder with respect thereto excepting liabilities arising or existing under Paragraph 12 hereof. standing the termination of this Lease with respect to a Casualty Car, Lessor may, as provided in Paragraph 9 hereof, elect to substitute a Replacement Car for a Casualty Car (such election to be made within forty five (45) days after Lessor's receipt of notice of a casualty occurrence), in which event, all of the terms and provisions of this Lease shall be applicable to such Replacement Car as to other Cars subject to this Lease.
- 14. Return of Cars. Upon the expiration or upon the termination of this Lease with respect to any Car (other than by reason of loss, theft or destruction of cars pursuant to Paragraph 13 hereof), Lessee shall at its sole cost and expense, forthwith surrender



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possession of such Car to Lessor by delivering same to Lessor at such location as Lessor shall specify. Lessee shall have no obligation with respect to the remarking of such cars.

- Default. If Lessee shall fail to make any payment required hereunder within twenty (20) days after same shall have become due or shall default or fail for a period of twenty (20) days in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement required to be observed or performed on its part hereunder, or a proceeding shall have been commenced by or against Lessee under any bankruptcy laws, Federal or State, or other laws for the appointment of a receiver, assignee or trustee of Lessee or its property, or Lessee shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, then and in any of said events Lessor may at its election terminate this Lease by written notice to such effect, and retake the Cars and thereafter recover any and all damages sustained by reason of Lessee's default in addition to all rental unpaid as of said date.
- Sublease and Assignment. The right to assign this Lease by either party and the Lessee's right to sublease shall exist only as follows:
- (a) Lessee shall have no right to assign or sublease or loan any of the Cars without the written consent of Lessor; provided, however, that Lessee shall have the right to sublease any of the Cars for single trips within the continental limits of the United States to its customers or suppliers where the sole purpose of such sublease is to obtain exemption from demurrage on the subleased Cars. Any such sublease shall be upon terms which are in compliance with the provisions of all applicable Operating Rules, tariffs, regulations

• and laws and all terms and conditions of this Lease;

- all rights of Lessor hereunder may be assigned, pledged, mortgaged, transferred or otherwise disposed of either in whole or in part with or without notice to Lessee. This Lease and Lessee's rights hereunder are and shall be subject and subordinate to any chattel mortgage, security agreement or equipment trust or other security instrument covering the Cars heretofore or hereafter If Lessor shall have given written notice to Lessee stating created. the identity and post office address of any assignee entitled to receive future rentals and any other sums payable by Lessee hereunder, Lessee shall thereafter make such payments to the designated assignee. The making of an assignment or sublease by Lessee or any assignment by Lessor shall not serve to relieve such party of any liability or undertaking hereunder nor to impose any liability or undertaking hereunder upon any such assignee or sublessee except as otherwise provided herein or unless expressly assumed in writing by such sublessee or assignee.
- 17. Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to the terms of this Lease shall be properly given when made in writing, forwarded registered United States mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Lessor at:

1100 Centre Square East

1500 Market Street

Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

Lessee at:

Manager, Railroad Equipment & Services

General Mills, Inc. P. O. Box 1113

Minneapolis, Minn. 55440

or at such other address as either party may from time to time designate by such notice in writing to the other.



- 18. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same contract, which shall be evidenced by any such signed counterpart.
- 19. Severability Waiver. If any term or provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure of either party to exercise any rights hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any such right upon the continuation or recurrence of the situation or contingency giving rise to such right.
- 20. Recording. Lessee agrees that it will join in the execution of a memorandum or short form of this Lease for the purposes of recordation under Section 20(c) of the Interstate

  Commerce Act or such other recordation as Lessor deems appropriate. Said memorandum or short form of lease shall describe the parties, the Cars being leased and the term of this Lease including any options to extend and shall incorporate the Lease by reference.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor and Lessee have duly executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

Asst. Secretary

PICKENS RAILROAD COMPANY

By:

Vice President

ATTEST:

Asst. Secretary

GENERAL MILLS, INC.

By:

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STATE OF Jena. COUNTY OF Phila.

On this 14 el day of normales , 1978, before me personally appeared for a manuscrite, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is President of Pickens Railroad Company and Chura Secretary of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

DARLENE MARQUETTE My commission expires: Notary Public, Phila, Phila, Co.

My Commission Expires Sopt. 13, 1932

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

On this 8th day of November , 1978, before me personally appeared E. K. Bixby personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is a Vice President of General Mills, Inc., and Beverly Rosenberg , to me personally known to be the Assistant Secretary of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

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My commission expires: ///24/78

# EXHIBIT A

Description of Boxcars:

Used 40'6" fifty ton Railroad Boxcars

Number of Units:

twenty (20)

Reporting Numbers:

These boxcars are marked GMIX 10001 through GMIX 10020 (both inclusive). These boxcars are the same as boxcars formerly marked as follows:

PICK 20035
PICK 20054
PICK 20026
PICK 20002
PICK 20022
PICK 20043
PICK 20021
PICK 20029
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PICK 20029
PICK 20023
PICK 20025
PICK 20027
PICK 20056
PICK 20017
PICK 20031
PICK 20047
PICK 20007

### EXHIBIT B

## LEASE

AGREEMENT made between	e and entered into this1st day of	November , 19 73,
	UNITED STATES BAILWAY EQUIPMENT Co an Illinois corporation, (hereinafter called "Uni	
	THE PICKENS RAILROAD CO.	
•	A South Carolina Corporation	
		7395
•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	THE SERVICE STATE OF SUPPLY STATES
	(hereinafter called "Lessee").	7 13/4
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Lessee desires to lease from United as Lessor certain railroad cars, hereinafter specifically designated, all upon the rentals and terms and conditions set forth in this Lease.

#### AGREEMENT

It Is Agreed:

- 1. Lease of Cars. United agrees to lease to Lessee and Lessee agrees to and does hereby lease from United that number of railroad cars, of the type, construction and such other description (hereinafter referred to as the "Cars") as is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. The Cars covered by this Lease are those which shall be delivered to and accepted by Lessee pursuant to Paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof. The Lease shall become effective as to any Car immediately upon its acceptance pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof.

Thereafter, Lessee shall be liable for, and shall pay or reimburse United for the payment of, all costs, charges and expenses of any kind whatsoever on account of or relating to switching, demurage, detention, storage, transportation or movement of Cars, including specifically, but not exclusively, freight and switching charges for movement to and from United's plant at any time and for any reason.

3. Condition of Cars — Acceptance. All Cars delivered hereunder shall be in satisfactory condition for movement in the normal interchange of rail traffic and shall otherwise comply with the description and/or specifications contained in Exhibit "A"; but Lessee shall be solely responsible for determining that Cars are in proper condition for loading and shipment. Within ...£ive..(5)... days after United shall give Lessee notice that some or all Cars are ready for delivery, Lessee may have its authorized representative inspect such Cars at (the point of delivery) (United's plant) (the manufacturer's plant)\* and accept or reject them as to condition. Cars so inspected and any Cars which Lessee does not elect to inspect shall be conclusively deemed to meet all requirements of this Lease and any differences or discrepancies from specified condition, construction, type, equipment, or otherwise, are thereby waived by Lessee without further act on its part. Lessee shall issue and deliver to United, with respect to all Cars accepted as or deemed hereunder to meet the requirements of this Lease, a Certificate of Inspection and Acceptance in the form and text attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and by this reference made a part hereof.

<sup>\*</sup> Strike inapplicable material in Paragraph 3.

- 4. Use and Possession. Throughout the continuance of this Lease, so long as Lessee is not in default hereunder, Lessee shall be entitled to possession of each Car from the date the Lease becomes effective as to each Car and may use such Car.
  - (a) on its own property or lines; and
  - (b) upon the lines of any railroad or other person, firm or corporation in the usual interchange of traffic for such compensation as Lessee may determine or as may be required by the then current Code of Rules Governing the Condition of, and Repairs to, Freight and Passenger Cars for the interchange of traffic adopted by the Association of American Railroads (hereinafter called the "Interchange Rules") but at all times subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease.

provided, however, that at all times the Cars shall be used only in the United States of America or in Canada and in a careful and prudent manner solely for the uses for which they were designed.

- - (a) multiply the number of Cars delivered by United on each day by the number of days clapsed between such day and the date of delivery of the first Car hereunder, then add all of the products so obtained and divide by the total number of Cars so delivered; the quotient rounded out to the nearest whole number shall be added to the date of delivery of the first Car, and the resulting date shall constitute the Average Date of Delivery;
  - (b) the date on which delivery of a Car shall be deemed to have been made will be the day following delivery of the Car to the Lessee, as specified in Paragraph 2. A Car shall be conclusively deemed delivered to the Lessee on the earliest date shown on any of the following: (i) Certificate of Inspection and Acceptance or other writing accepting a Car signed by the Lessee; or (ii) a bill of lading showing delivery to Lessee or to a foreign line railroad for the account of Lessee.
- 6. Termination Date. After delivery of the Cars, United shall confirm to Lessee the Average Date of Delivery and the date of expiration of the original term set forth in Paragraph 5 hereof.
- 7. Rental. Lesses shall pay to United as rental for each Car, during the original term, from and including the date of delivery of such Car, the sum of

If pursuant to Exhibit "A" hernef, the Care bear United's reporting marks and members, then any milege payments allowed by railroads on the Cars shall be the property of United, but whited shall credit the mileage payments actually received by it to a mileage payment account maintained by United in respect to this Lease. Payments recorded in such account shall be offset pro tanto against and only against rental then or thereafter due from Lessee upder this Lease; provided, however, that the total of the credits to Lessee on account of mileage payments shall not exceed the total rental paid by Lessee during the term bereof and any unused credits shall be cancelled at the end of the term hereof or at the termination of this Lease as to all Cars, whichever shall first occur. Lessee shall so use the Cars that their mileage under load shall be equal to their mileage empty upon each railroad (not having a published exemption therefor in its tariff) over which the Cars shall move; provided, however, that this undertaking shall not apply to the movement of Cars over Lessee's own lines. Upon notice from any railroad, whether received prior to or after termination of this Lease, Lessee shall pay United as additional rental for all excess Chapty mileting that he rate established by the twiff of each railroad incursed on Gara severed by this Lease.

8. Payment. Lessee shall make payment of the rental as well as any other sums due hereunder to United in Chicago funds at its offices located at 100 Mest Adams Supert Chicago. Himois 60603, or such other place as United may direct. Rental payments shall be made on or before the 15th day of each month succeeding the month for which such rental has accrued.

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- 9. Title. United has or will have title to the Cars at the time they are delivered hereunder to Lessee and Lessee shall not by reason of this Lease or any action taken hereunder acquire or have any right or title in the Cars except the rights herein expressly granted to it as Lessee.
- 10. Maintenance. Lessee shall, during the continuance of this Lease, promptly and with due diligence, keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted) and make all replacements, changes or additions to the Cars or their equipment and appliances to the extent necessary or required from time to time.
  - (a) by the Interchange Rules; and
  - (b) by applicable laws and regulations of any state or governmental body, including specifically but not exclusively, the Interstate Commerce Commission.

all at Lessee's own cost and expense and without any abatement in rent or other loss, cost or expense to United; provided, however, that the provisions of Paragraph 17 hereof shall apply in the event of damage or destruction beyond repair. Any parts, replacements, or additions made to any car shall be accessions to such Car and title thereto shall be immediately vested in United without cost or expense to United.

- 11. Taxes and Other Levies. Lessee shall promptly pay all taxes, assessments and other governmental charges, including sales, use or ad valorem taxes levied or assessed during the continuance of this Lease upon the Cars or the interest of the Lessee therein or any thereof, or upon the use or operation thereof or the earnings arising therefrom, and if any levy or assessment is made against United on account of any of the foregoing matters or on account of its ownership of the Cars, exclusive, however, of any taxes on the rentals herein provided or the net income of United therefrom (except any such tax on rentals which is in substitution for, or relieves the Lessee from the payment of taxes which it would otherwise be obligated to pay or reimburse as hereinbefore provided). Lessee will promptly pay or reimburse United for same; but the Lessee shall not be required to pay the same so long as it shall in good faith and by appropriate legal or admin-Istrative proceedings contest the validity or amount thereof unless thereby, in the judgement of United, the rights or interests of United in and to the Cars will be materially endangered. In the event any tax reports are required to be made on the basis of individual Cars, the Lessee will either make such reports in such manner as to show the ownership of such Cars by United or will notify United of such requirements and will make such report in such manner as shall be satisfactory to United.
- 12. Liens. Lessee shall keep the Cars free from any encumbrances or liens, which may be a cloud upon or otherwise affect United's title, which arise out of any suit involving Lessee, or any act, omission or failure of Lessee or Lessee's failure to comply with the provisions of this Lease, and shall promptly discharge any such lien, encumbrance or legal process, except such as are permitted by United under Paragraph 11 hereof.
- 13. Indemnity Patent Covenents. Lessee agrees to indemnify United and save it harmless from any charge, loss, claim, suit, expense or liability which United may suffer or incur and which arises in connection with the use or operation of a Car or Cars while subject to this Lease (but not while in United's shop or possession) and without regard as to how such charge, loss, claim, suit, expense or liability arises, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, whether it arises from latent of other defects which may or may not have been discoverable by United. United agrees to indemnify Lessee and save it harmless against any charge, loss, claim, suit, expense or liability arising out of or on account of the use or incorporation by United upon delivery of a Car or upon the making of repairs thereto by United, of any invention or the infringement of any patents, except if such invention was used or incorporated by reason of the specifications in Exhibit "A" hereto. The indemnities and assumptions of liability herein contained shall survive the termination of this Lease. Each party shall, upon learning of same, give the other prompt notice of any claim or liability hereby indemnified against.

- 14. Warranty Representations. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 9. United makes no warranty or representation of any kind whatsoever, either express or implied as to any matter whatsoever, including specifically but not exclusively, fitness, design, workmanship, condition or quality of the Cars or parts thereof which Cars have been accepted by Lessee hereunder, and United shall have no liability hereunder for damages of any kind, including specifically but not exclusively, special, indirect, incidental, or consequential on account of any matter which would otherwise constitute a breach of warranty or representation. United agrees to assign to Lessee such rights as it may have under warranties, if any, which it may have received from the manufacturer of any new Cars and shall at Lessee's expanse cooperate with Lessee and take such action as may be reasonably requested to enable Lessee to enforce such rights. Lessee represents that all of the matters set forth in Paragraph 22(a) through and including (e) shall be and are true and correct at all times that any Car becomes subject to this Lease.
- 15. Car Marking. Each Car upon delivery will be distinctly, permanently and conspicuously marked in stencil with one of the reporting numbers and marks specified in Exhibit "A" and with a legend on each side in letters not less than three-quarters inches (%") in height substantially as follows:

# UNITED STATES RAILWAY EQUIPMENT CO. Lessor

The name of any assignee of United's interest or trustee or mortgagee having an interest in the Car shall also appear if requested by United or such other party, or in field thereof United may add the following inscription:

Title to this Car subject to documents recorded under Section 20(c) of Interstate Commerce Act.

Lessee shall immediately replace any such stenciling which may be removed, destroyed or become illegible wholly or in part. Upon Lessee's request United shall furnish a stencil with the form of the marks, numbers and legend. Except for the numbering and stenciling as provided herein, and such markings as Lessee desires to indicate its interest hereunder. Lessee shall keep the Cars free from any marking or labeling which might be interpreted as a claim of ownership thereof by Lessee, or any party other than United.

- 16. Inspection Inventory. During the continuance of this Lease, United shall have the right, at its own cost and expense, to inspect the Cars at any reasonable time or times wherever the Cars may be. Lessee shall, upon request of United, but no more than once every year, furnish to United two (2) copies of an accurate inventory of all Cars in service.
- Loss, Theft or Destruction of Cars. In the event any Car is lost or stolen or is troyed or damaged beyond economical repair, Lessee shall promptly and fully inform United such occurrence. If, upon the occurrence of such event, United does not receive payment such Car pursuant to the Interchange Rules, because same are not applicable or otherwise, see shall upon demand by United promptly make payment to United in the same amount as proed in such Rules where applicable to the occurrence of such event for like Cars. Lessee ll cooperate with United and take any and all action required to assist and enable United receive such payment directly from any handling line or other person, firm or corporation ad to make payment under Interchange Rules. If United elects, Lessee will return such aged or destroyed Cars to United either on wheels or in Cars on such point on Lessee's e as United may designate. This Lease shall continue in full force and effect irrestive of the cause, place or extent of any damage, loss or destruction of any of the Cars; vided, however, that this Lease shall terminate with respect to any Car which is lost, len or destroyed or damaged beyond repair on the date United shall receive all amounts things required on account of such Car under this Paragraph 17 and Lessee shall have no ther liability to United hereunder, except for accrued rent and such as arises or exists er Paragraphs 11, 12 and 13.

net scrap value shall mean an amount in cash equal to the average of the current quoted ces per net ton of No. 1 Heavy Railroad Melting Steel Scrap, prevailing at Pittsburgh, asylvania; Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois, as published in Iron Age or other atable industrial journals, on the first day of the month preceding the month in which sent of such net scrap value is required to be made, multiplied by twenty-two (22) tons.

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In the event any of the Cars are destroyed or damaged beyond economic repair on the line of Lessee, United may, at its option, in lieu of receiving the not scrap value of such Cars, elect that Lessee return such damaged or destroyed Cars to United either on wheels or in cars at such point on Lessee's line as United may designate. United shall make such election in writing within fifteen (15) days after receiving Lessee's notice that Cars have been destroyed or irreparably damaged. This Lease shall continue in full force and effect irrespective of the cause, place or extent of any damage, loss or destruction of any of the Cars, the risk of which shall be borne by Lessee; provided, however, that this Lease shall terminate with respect to any Car which is lost, stolen or destroyed or damaged beyond repair on the date United shall receive payment of the amount required to be paid to it on account of such Car under this Paragraph 17.

- 18. Return of Cars. Upon the expiration or upon the termination of this Lease with respect to any Car (other than pursuant to Paragraph 17 hereof), Lessee shall at its sole cost and expense.
  - (a) forthwith surrender possession of such Car to United in the condition required by Paragraph 10 hereof by delivering same to United (at its plant at .such. United plant as ......United.may..direct. within the Continental United States direct; and
  - (b) if United shall so request by written notice delivered prior to surrender of possession of such Car as above provided, provide suitable storage for such Car for a period of ninety (90)#days from the date of expiration or termination and inform United of the place of storage and the reporting number of the Car there stored.

Delivery in storage shall constitute delivery of possession for the purpose of this Paragraph 18 and such storage shall be at the risk of United. Upon termination of the storage period or upon request of United prior thereto, Lessee shall cause the Car to be transported to United at the place and in the manner provided in Paragraph 18(a). Until the delivery of possession to United pursuant to Paragraph 18(a) or (b), Lessee shall continue to pay rental at the rate being paid immediately prior to termination or expiration, and Lessee shall, in addition, make all other payments and keep all obligations and undertakings required of Lessee under any and all provisions of this Lease as though such termination or expiration had not occurred.

- 19. Default. The term "event of default" for the purpose hereof shall mean any one or more of the following:
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  (a) non-payment by Lessee within thirty (50) days after the same becomes due of any installment of rental or any other sum required to be paid hereunder by lessee; provided United has given ten (10) days written notice of such default.

  (b) the Lessee shall default or fail for a period of thirty (60) days in the due obtaining (20)

servance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement required to be observed or performed on its part hereunder; provided United has given ten (10) days written

- notice of such default.

  (c) a decree or order shall be entered by a court having jurisdiction in the premises adjudging Lessee a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of Lessee under the Federal Bankruptcy Act or any other applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Lessee or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of thirty (30) days;
  - (d) the institution by Lessee of proceedings to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the institution of any proceedings or to any action taken or proposed to be taken in any procedings or action described in Paragraph 19 (c), or the making by Lessee of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by Lessee in furtherance of any such action.
  - 20. Remedies. Upon the happening of an event of default, United, at its option, may:
- (a) proceed by appropriate court action either at law or in equity for specific per\*Strike inapplicable material. •

<sup>#</sup> providing that such storage is available on the Pickens Railroad.

formance by the Lessee of the applicable covenants of this Lease or to recover from Lessee all damages, including specifically but not exclusively, expenses and attorneys' fees, which United may sustain by reason of Lessee's default or on account of United's enforcement of its remedies hereunder;

- (b) elect only to terminate the Lessee's right of possession (but not to terminate the Lease) without refeasing Lessee in whole or in part from its liabilities and obligations accrued hercunder, or hereafter to accrue for the remaining term of the Lease, and thereupon require Lessee to deliver all such Cars to United at any of its plants or to take possession itself, of any or all of the Cars wherever same may be found. United may, but need not, require delivery of the Cars to it or repossess the Cars, but in the event the Cars are delivered to United or are repossessed, United shall use reasonable efforts to relet the same or any part thereof to others upon a reasonable rental and such other terms as it may see fit. The proceeds of any such reletting shall first be applied to the expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of retaking and reletting of the Cars and delivery to the new lessee and then to the payment of rent due under this Lease. Lessee shall pay any deficiency remaining due after so applying the proceeds as the same shall accrue. Lessee shall not assert, in mitigation of its damages or otherwise, any lack of diffigence by United in or related to the procuring of another lessee or in refusing to accept any proposed or prospective lessee or other transaction, such matters being within United's sole discretion and determination. The election by United to relet the Cars and the acceptance of a new lessee shall not operate to release Lessee from liability for any existing or future default in any other covenant or promise herein contained;
- (c) declare this Lease terminated and recover from Lessee all amounts then due and payable plus, as liquidated damages for loss of the bargain and not as penalty, a sum which represents the excess of the present worth, at the time of such termination, if any, of the aggregate rental which would have thereafter accrued from the date of such termination to the end of the original term over the then present worth of the fair rental value of the Cars for such period. Present worth is to be computed in each case on the basis of a five per cent (5%) per annum discount, compounded annually from the respective dates upon which rental would have been payable hereunder had this Lease not terminated. In addition to the foregoing, United shall recover any damages sustained by reason of the breach of any covernant of the Lease other than for the payment of rental;
- (d) recover or take possession of any or all of the Cars and hold, possess and enjoy the same, free from any right of the Lessee to use the Cars for any purposes whatsoever.

The remedies provided in this Paragraph 20 in favor of United shall not be deemed exclusive but shall, where not by rule of law inconsistent with each other, be cumulative and may be availed of singly, in combination, or all together and in any order, and shall be in addition to all other remedies, in United's favor existing at law or in equity. The Lessee hereby waives any mandatory requirements of law now or hereafter in effect which might limit or modify any of the remedies herein provided to the extent that such waiver is permitted by law.

- 21. Sublease and Assignment. Lessee shall have the right to sublease any of the Cars, subject at all times to the terms hereof, and each of the parties shall have the right to assign the Lease or their rights thereunder only as follows:
  - (a) all rights of United hereunder may be assigned, pledged, mortgaged, transferred or otherwise disposed of either in whole or in part with or without notice to Lessee, but subject to Lessee's rights under this Lease. If United shall have given written notice to Lessee stating the identity and post office address of any assignee entitled to receive future rentals and any other sums payable by Lessee hereunder. Lessee shall thereafter make such payments to the designated assignee. Lessee will not amend, after or terminate this Lease without the consent of the assignee while such assignment is in effect. The rights of any assignee or any party or parties on behalf of whom such assignee is acting shall not be subject to any defense, set-off, counterclaim or recoupment whatsoever, whether arising out of any breach of any obligation of United hereunder or by reason of any other indebtedness or liability at any time owing by United to the Lessee:
  - (b) Lessee shall not assign this Lease without the written consent of United provided, however, that Lessee may assign all of its rights under this Lease to another railroad corporation which succeeds to all or substantially all of the assets and business of the Lessee provided that such successor shall assume all of the obligations of the Lessee hereunder.

The making of an assignment or sublease by Lessee or an assignment by United shall not serve to relieve such party of any liability or undertakings hereunder nor to impose any liability or undertaking hereunder upon any such assignee or sublessee except as otherwise provided above or unless expressly assumed in writing by such sublessee or assignee.

- 22. Opinion of Counsel. Upon the request of United or its assignee at any time or times, Lessee will deliver to United an opinion of counsel for Lessee, addressed to United or its assignee in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for United, or its assignee, which opinion shall be to the effect that:
  - (a) Lessee is a corporation duly organized and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation, and has corporate power to enterinto this Lease and carry out its obligations thereunder;
  - (b) this Lease constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Lessee, enforceable in accordance with its terms;
  - (c) the Cars which are then subject to the Lease are held by Lessee under and subject to the provisions of this Lease prior to any lien, charge or encumbrance in favor of anyone claiming by, through or under Lessee, and all of the Cars were, upon delivery to Lessee, in condition satisfactory to Lessee and were accepted by Lessee in accordance with the terms of this Lease;
  - (d) no recording, fitting or depositing of this Lease, other than with the Interstate Commerce Commission, in accordance with Section 20(c) of the Interstate Commerce Act, is necessary to preserve or protect the title of United or its assignee in the United States of America; and
  - (e) no governmental authorization or approval is necessary in connection with the Lease or any other action contemplated hereunder.
- 23. Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to the terms of this Lease shall be properly given when forwarded registered United States mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to:

United at: 105 West Adams Street-

2200 E. Devon Ave.

DesPlaines, Illinois 60018

or at such other address as United may from time to time designate by notice in writing, and to:

Lessee at: .......402 Cedar Rock Street
Pickens, South Carolina

or any such other place as Lessee may from time to time designate by notice in writing.

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- 24. Recording of Lease. Prior to the delivery and acceptance of the first Car, United intends, without expense to Lessee, to cause this Lease and any assignment thereof to be filed and recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission in accordance with Section 20(c) of the Interstate Commerce Act. Lessee will from time to time do and perform any other act and will execute acknowledge, deliver, file, register and record (and will refile, reregister or rerecord whenever required) any and all further instruments required by law or reasonably requested by United, for the purpose of proper protection to the satisfaction of counsel for United, of its title to the Cars, or for the purpose of carrying out the intention of this Lease. Except as hereinbefore provided, Lessee will pay all costs, charges and expenses incident to the filing, registering, reregistering, recording and rerecording of any such further instrument or incident to the taking of any
- 25. Governing Law-Writing. The terms of this Lease and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. The terms of this Lease and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto may not be changed or terminated orally, but only by agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of such change or termination is sought.

such other action, and will furnish to United certificates or other evidence of any such action.

26. Counterparts. This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same contract, which shall be evidenced by any such signed counterpart.

- 27. Severability Waiver. If any term or provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure of United to exercise any rights hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any such right upon the continuation or recurrence of the situation or contingency giving rise to such right.
- 28. Terminology. In construing any language contained in this Lease, no reference shall be made and no significance given to paragraph titles, such titles being used only for convenience of reference. Where the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 29. Past Due Rental. Anything to the contrary herein contained notwithstanding, any non-payment of rentals or other sum due hereunder, whether during the thirty (30) day period within which a default may be cured or for a longer period, and whether or not deemed a default or violation of this Lease, shall result in the obligation on the part of the Lessee to pay also an amount equal to seven per cent (7%) per annum (or if such rate may not lawfully be charged, then the highest rate which may lawfully be charged) of the overdue rentals for the period of time during which they are overdue.
- 30. Benefit. The covenants, conditions and agreements contained in this Lease shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns (to the extent permitted in Paragraph 21 hereof) and the term "United" and the term "Lessee" shall mean, respectively, all of the foregoing persons who are at any time bound by the terms hereof. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the indemnities of the Lessee contained in Paragraph 13 hereof shall apply to and inure to the benefit of any assignee of United, and if such assignee is a trustee under an indenture under which notes of United have been issued in connection with the financing of the Cars, then to any holder of such notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. United and Lessee have duly executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

Wice President

THE PICK ENS RAILROAD CO.

ATTEST:

Secretary

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C.C. President

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK  ss
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signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and they
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My Commission Expires June 11, 1975

STATE OF South Carolina ss
COUNTY OF Pickens
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Notary Public

# EXHIBIT "A"

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TYPE OF CAR:	40' 6", 50-ton	Box Car	
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NUMBER OF CARS:	Sixty (60)		· .
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\*REPORTING NUMBERS AND MARKS:

PICK 20000 - 20059

# SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNATED BY LESSEE:

Cars are to be rebuilt per Rule 88 less the roller bearing requirement.

Cars are to be painted light blue Richards paint number E-8192 with Pickens Railroad logo.

"When United's reporting marks are specified, this Lease is subject to the granting of all necessary consents to such use by carrier. AAR, or any other approval now or hereafter required by tariff, AAR rules, or applicable laws and regulations.

# EXHIBIT "B"

Lease dated Equipment Co., ("Unit	November 1	19.73. The Picke	DV GHO	between United Statoad Co.	es Railway ("'Lessec")
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or has, on behalf of Lessee, elected to forego such inspection all as provided in the Lease, and hereby accepts such Cars for the Lessee pursuant to the Lease; that each of said Cars is plainly marked in stencil on both sides of each car with the words:  UNITED STATES RAILWAY EQUIPMENT CO.					
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Rider, consisting of three pages attached to and made a part of Lease, dated November 1, 1973 by and between United States Railway Equipment Co. (United) and The Pickens Railroad Co. (Lessee).

- R-1. United shall not be obligated to deliver any of the Cars unless it has first reteived a fully executed counterpart of that certain letter agreement ("Letter Agreement") among the First Piedmont Bank of South Carolina ("Bank"), United, National Railway itilization Corporation and Lessee in substantially the form and text attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- R-2. Lessee covenants and agrees that it will cause the Railway Equipment Register and any other book, record, manual, writing or other source stating the identity of the recipient of per diem payments to be made by railroads on the Cars to name as such recipient for the luration of this Lease the Bank or such other person as may succeed the Bank under the terms of the Letter of Agreement.
- tervance of all Lessee's covenants and agreements to be observed and performed hereunder, tessee shall deliver to United upon United's execution hereof an amount equal to one nonth's rental ("Security Deposit") and the Bank's letter of credit ("Letter of Credit") soud to United in the sum of \$27,600.00 which may be drawn against by an amount equal to one month rental (Security Deposit) and monthly rental due thereafter until such time is the per diem payments equal or exceed the rentals due. Lessee covenants that the letter of Credit shall be irrevocable for one year from average date of acceptance and shall not be revoked and repudiated at any time during this period. In the event Lessee shall perform and observe all of its agreements and covenants hereunder the Security seposit shall be applied against the last month's rental due on the Cars and the Letter of Credit shall be cancelled by United and delivered to Lessee, otherwise United may reain the Security Deposit and collect upon the Letter of Credit in reduction of all amounts ecoverable by it under Paragraph 20.
- -4. Lessee agrees to cause Bank to collect, hold and apply all per diem payments allowed y railroads on the Cars upon such terms and conditions as are provided in the Letter greement. All per diem payments actually received by Bank in any month shall first be applied to any rental payments due and unpaid and shall be paid by Bank to United as profided in Paragraph 8 hereof. The balance of such per diem payments actually received y Bank in any such month shall be remitted to Lessee provided, Lessee is not otherwise n default of the terms and provisions of this Lease.
- -5. Upon written notice by United of any default hereunder by Lessee, Bank shall hold nd apply all monies received from the per diem payments for the account of United, all pon the terms and conditions of the Letter Agreement.

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- 7 (c) <u>Purchase Option</u>. The Lessees shall have the right to purchase the cars if Lessees are not then in default hereunder at the expiration of the original term of the Lease, or extended term if the option to extend has been exercised, by serving written notice on United at any time within the last year of such term, at least ninety (90) days prior to the last day of such term. The purchase price shall be the greater of:
  - (i) the depreciated value of the Cars on reproduction costs basis as provided under the Interchange Rules as of the end of the original or extended lease term, whichever is applicable, or
  - (ii) the fair market value to be agreed upon by Unit ed and Lessees.

In the event that the parties cannot agree on fair market value, it shall be determined by three (3) arbitrators, one to be selected by Lessees, one by United and the third selected by the two arbitrators selected by the parties. Fair market value for the purposes hereof shall mean the value which would obtain in arm's length transaction between an informed and willing buyer other than a buyer currently in possession and an informed and willing seller under no compulsion to sell without deducting from such value costs or removal of the Cars from their location in current use.

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Option to Extend. Unless Lessee is in default under the provisions of this Lease, Lessee shall have an option to extend the term of this Lease upon the same terms and conditions as to all or any portion of the Cars then subject to this Lease by notifying United in writing no less than ninety (90) days and no more than six (6) months prior to the end of the original term. An extension pursuant to this option with respect to any Car shall be for a period (hereinafter referred to as the "extended term") on one (1) month from the end of the original term and shall automatically continue from month to month thereafter without further act by either party until termination of this Lease with respect to such Car.

- (a) by written notice from Lessee to United or from United to Lessee on or before the last day of any month of such extended term stating that the Lease is cancelled as to such Car as of the last day of the next month;
- (b) by United on account of default by the Lessee;
- (c) by the expiration of five (5) years from the end of the original term at which time this Lease will terminate in all events.

To Lease.

Rental: Lessee shall pay to United as rental for each Car during the extended term, from and including the first day following the end of the original term, the sum of \$75.00 per car per month.

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# Interstate Commerce Commission Washington, D.C. 20423

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

William W. Kehl, Esq. P.O. box 10207 Greenville, S.C. 29603

Dear

Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 20(c) of the Interstate Commerce Act,

'49 U.S.C. 20(c), on at 10:15pm,
and assigned recordation number(s)

Sincerely Yours,

H.G. Homme, Jr.

Secretary

Enclosure(s)